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ALBEN BARKLEY NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE

SEPTEMBER 20 (legislative day, SEPTEMBER 8), 1982.—Ordered to be printed

Mr. BAKER (for Mr. MCCLURE), from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany S. 2279]

The Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, to which was referred the bill (S. 2279), to designate the Alben Barkley National Historic Site, having considered the same, reports favorably thereon with an amendment and recommends that the bill (as amended) do pass.

The amendment is as follows:

On page 1, line 10, delete the word, "Mayfield," and insert in lieu thereof: "Paducah,".

PURPOSE OF THE MEASURE

The purposes of S. 2279, as reported, is to acquire certain lands near Paducah, Kentucky, and establish the Alben Barkley National Historic Site.

S. 2279 authorizes an appropriation not to exceed $700,000 for acquisition of the lands.

S. 2279 authorizes the Secretary of the Interior to acquire by donation, purchase with donated or appropriated funds, or exchange, the lands and buildings known as "Angles" which compromise approximately 13 acres located near Paducah, Kentucky. It further states that the Secretary should substantially complete the acquisition authorized within one year after the date of enactment of this legislation, and authorizes $700,000 for land acquisition.

The "Angles" was constructed around 1853 by Q. Q. Quigley, one of the Midwest's most prominent 19th century citizens and has strong but not necessarily preeminent association with Alben Barkley.

Alben Barkley was a distinguished Member of Congress, having been elected to the House of Representatives in 1913 where he remained until 1927 when he was elected to the United States Senate. While in

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the Senate he was notable for his service as a majority leader from 1936 to 1947 and minority leader from 1947 to 1949. He also served as Vice President of the United States from 1949 to 1953 under President Harry S. Truman.

Angles was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1976. The National Park Service has not done a study of the property to determine national significance.

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY

S. 2279 was introduced by Senator Ford on March 24, 1982. A hearing before the Subcommittee on Public Lands and Reserved Water was held on July 27, 1982. The Administration in testimony given before the Subcommittee opposes the enactment of S. 2279. At a business session on September 15, 1982, the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources ordered S. 2279, as amended, favorably reported.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION AND TABULATION OF VOTES

The Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources in an open business session on September 15, 1982, by unanimous vote of a quorum present recommends that the Senate pass S. 2279 with an amendment as described herein.

The rollcall vote on reporting the measure was 17 yeas, 0 nays as follows:

YEAS	NAYS
Mr. McClure	
Mr. Hatfield	
Mr. Domenici	
Mr. Wallop	
Mr. Warner [1]	
Mr. Humphrey [1]	
Mr. Murkowski	
Mr. Nickles	
Mr. East [1]	
Mr. Heinz [1]	
Mr. Jackson	
Mr. Johnston [1]	
Mr. Bumpers	
Mr. Ford	
Mr. Metzenbaum	
Mr. Matsunaga [1]	
Mr. Melcher	

[1] Indicates voted by proxy.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

The Committee amendment corrected an error in the bill as introduced regarding the location of the site. The "Angles" is near Paducah, not Mayfield, Kentucky.

COST AND BUDGETARY CONSIDERATIONS

The following estimate of costs of this measure by the Congressional Budget Office was not available when this report was filed; when it is available it will be placed in the *Congressional Record.*

REGULATORY IMPACT EVALUATION

In compliance with paragraph 11(b) of Rule XXVI of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the Committee makes the following evaluation of the regulatory impact which would be incurred in carrying out S. 2279 as reported. S. 2279 would designate the Alben Barkley National Historic Site.

The bill is not a regulatory measure in the sense of imposing Government established standards or significant economic responsibilities on private individuals and businesses.

No personal information would be collected in administering the program. Therefore, there would be no impact on personal privacy.

Little if any additional paperwork would result from the enactment of S. 2279.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS

The pertinent legislative reports received by the Committee from the Department of the Interior setting forth Executive agency recommendations relating to S. 2279 are set forth below:

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY,
Washington, D.C., September 20, 1982.

Hon. JAMES A. MCCLURE,
Chairman, Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, U.S. Senate, Washington, D.C.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: This responds to your request for the Department's views on S. 2279, a bill "To designate the Alben Barkley National Historic Site."

We recommend against enactment of this legislation.

The bill authorizes the Secretary of the Interior to acquire by donation, purchase with donated or appropriated funds, or exchange, the lands and buildings known as "Angles," which comprise approximately 13 acres located near Mayfield, Kentucky. It further states that the Secretary should substantially complete the acquisition authorized within one year after the date of enactment of the legislation, and authorizes $700,000 for land acquisition.

The "Angles" was constructed around 1853 by Q. Q. Quigley, one of the Midwest's most prominent 19th century citizens, and has strong but not necessarily preeminent association with Alben Barkley. Although it was his Kentucky residence after 1937, he was serving primarily in Washington, D.C., during those years.

Alben Barkley was a distinguished Member of Congress, elected to the House of Representatives in 1913. He remained there until 1927,

when he was elected to the United States Senate. While in the Senate, he was majority leader from 1936 to 1947, and minority leader from 1947 to 1949. He served as Vice President of the United States from 1949 to 1953 under President Harry S Truman. Although he had a distinguished public career, national significance is not normally ascribed to persons or events less than 50 years in the past, except for Presidents and others of transcendent importance.

Angles was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1976, but the National Park Service has not done a study of the property. Such a study is a prerequisite to a designation of national significance and further consideration for establishment as a national historic site. During this time of tight budgetary constraints, we cannot commit limited funds and staff to complete such a study in the near future.

In addition, the Administration does not support the acquisition of additional units for the National Park System at this time. Our highest priority is the improvement and maintenance of the existing units of the National Park System. Therefore, we cannot support the enactment of this legislation.

The Office of Management and Budget has advised that there is no objection to the presentation of this report from the standpoint of the Administration's program.

Sincerely,

DONALD PAUL HODEL,
Acting Secretary.

CHANGES IN EXISTING LAW

In compliance with paragraph 12 of Rule XXVI of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the Committee notes that no changes in existing law would be made by the bill, S. 2279, as reported.

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